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Request for Reconsideration

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2003, the following remarks are submitted for consideration.

Remarks

Claims 1- 11 and 13-31 are presented for the Examiner's consideration. Claim 12 has been canceled and claim 27 has been withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner's withdrawal of the previous rejections, with the exception of the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, is acknowledged.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 13 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and claim 29 was newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which is regarded as the invention. Applicants respectfully **traverse** this rejection.

The Examiner finds that the language appearing in claims 1, 13 and 29 "a pattern having continuous bonded areas defining a plurality of discrete unbonded areas" is indefinite. First, it is pointed out that the specification describes this bond pattern at page 8, line 30 – page 9, line 11. In addition, this phrase has an art recognized meaning, since similar language appears in the



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